

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claim 1 (claims 2-20 were previously canceled in the original filing) and entry of the new claims 21-53 in the application. The new claims are supported by the disclosure of the specification and drawing figures as filed.


The original filing included payment for 20 total claims, including 3 independent claims. Entry of the new claims above will result in a total of 33 claims and 4 independent claims. A check for the additional fee is provided herewith.

Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attempt to resolve those issues. No other fee is believed to be due of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to deposit account number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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